Government as "important" and "ordinary" before hearing the proposers.

3. The rules of debate in the Assembly as well as the subject regarding the restriction on the number of subjects may be reconsidered by a committee with adequate non-official representation.

Reply of Government.—It is too early to change the rules.

SUBJECT No. 175.

Pay of public servants.

(*a*) Messrs. Hutchaveere Gowda, Gubbi taluk, (*b*) B. Hanumappa, G. Rajappa and G. Siddavirappa, Bangalore City Municipal Council; (*c*) Mr. Amble Anniah Pandit, Mysore City Municipal Council; (*d*) Mr. M. Venkatakrishniah, Mysore City Municipal Council; and (*e*) Mr. Sitaramaiya Mandya taluk.

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) Scarcity of rainfall is threatening this country with famine year after year. The ill-paid Government officials of the Revenue Department find it very hard to maintain themselves. It is therefore, prayed that the Government may be pleased to grant them some increase of pay.

(*b*) It is prayed that the pay of public servants drawing less than Rs. 25 a month may be revised and some allowance granted to those whose salary is below Rs. 30.

The pay of the menials in the Revenue Department may be raised by Rs. 2, as has been done in the case of the Police Department.

(*c*) It is requested that the pay of peons in the district headquarters may be raised to Rs. 7 and 8.

(*d*) Peons on Rs. 6 and Rs. 7 are made to do clerical work in taluks. The pay of such peons (*junardars*) may be raised to Rs. 12 and their designation changed to assistant *gumastas*, assistant *munshis* and assistant accountants. Deputy *gumastas* and deputy *munshis* may be given Rs. 20 a month. *Gollars* may be made to give security to the extent of Rs. 50 and their pay raised to Rs. 10. The pay of the excise special *shroffs* at Mysore, Bangalore and Bowringpet may be raised to Rs. 25 by annual increments of Re. 1 as they have to furnish a security of Rs. 500.

(*e*) It is prayed that the pay of taluk *junardars* (literate peons) and *gollars* may be raised to Rs. 10 a month.

Reply of Government.—Is being done as far as possible. Grain compensation allowances provide for temporary stress. Taluk and district establishments have recently been revised.

Individual cases of hardship will be considered.

SUBJECT No. 176.

Abolition of the *supari* cess.

Mr. C. Srinivasa Rao, Chikmagalur taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The *supari* cess may be abolished as it is an inequitable tax and as the purpose for which it was levied is supposed to have been completely served.

Mr. C. Srinivasa Rao.—*Koleroga* is not peculiar to *supari* owners. The cess cannot therefore be justified.

Reply of Government.—Noted.